

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. This Supplemental Amendment is submitted to place the specification and claims in more conformance with idiomatic English and U.S. practice.

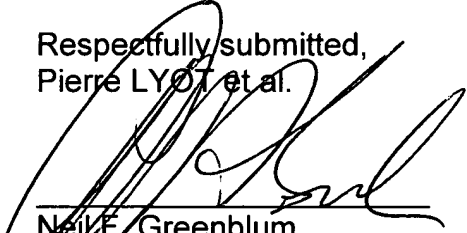
Upon entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-8 are canceled, and claims 9-28 are added, such that claims 9-28 are pending, with claims 9 and 19 being independent.

The amended paragraph on page 2 of the disclosure is made merely to correct a typographical error that appears in the English translation of the application. The patent number appears correctly in the PCT application as filed. Thus, this amendment does not introduce new matter into the application.

The amendments to the claims made in this amendment have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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